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NATIVE LABOUR.

1923

16th March.

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Mr. Spoor, — To ask the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether the governor of British East Africa has issued instructions to provincial and district commissioners to inform native chiefs and elders that it is part of their duty to advise and encourage young men in their areas to go out and work on plantations; whether any such duty has been imposed by law on native chiefs and elders; if not, on what authority the governor's statement was made; on what authority reports are called for on any headman who is impervious to His Excellency's wishes; and what is the nature of the action which the governor proposes to take against any such headman. [Thursday 18th March.]

Mr. J. Finlay  
Mr. H. Finlay

For anal. resp. by  
also 14039

Pl. see the reply to Mr. Spoor's  
question 8127.

? Reply. Agreed.

As I informed Mr. Spoor, having  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, the whole  
question of native labour in East  
Africa [is] being carefully considered.

I report that at present I am  
unable to determine to make any

statement is only to the best of my  
[own] observations.

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Mr. Spoor 17/3/23

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the administrative system to which the H. H.  
refers, will be brought before the S. Council  
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84. Mr. [ ] asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies (1) whether a Government Commission on Native Labour set in British East Africa in 1912-13; whether the hon. A. C. Hollis, C.M.G., Secretary for Native Affairs, gave evidence showing that labour recruited through the native chiefs was in practice compulsory labour; whether it is the policy of His Majesty's Government now to introduce compulsory labour in British East Africa; if not, whether the Governor's instructions to Provincial and District Commissioners, that the onus of finding labour was to be put on native chiefs and elders, will now be withdrawn; (2) whether the Governor of British East Africa has issued instructions to Provincial and District Commissioners to inform native chiefs and elders that it is part of their duty to advise and encourage young men in their areas to go out and work on plantations; whether any such duty has been imposed by law on native chiefs and elders; if not, on what authority the Governor's statement was made; on what authority reports are called for on any headman who is impervious to His Excellency's wishes; and what is the nature of the action which the Governor proposes to take against any such headman.

Lieut.-Colonel AMERY: I am  
the hon. Member on the  
the whole question of  
East Africa, including  
by the administration  
the hon. Member refers  
with Sir E. Northey  
State on his return.

Colonel WEDGWOOD: [ ]  
has not yet been received.

Lieut.-Colonel AMERY: [ ]

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